

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Takayuki Araki et al.

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Examiner: Peter Szekely

For: AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF VINYLIDENE FLUORIDE POLYMER AND

PREPARATION PROCESS THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 AND 1.98

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

June 11, 1998

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 applicants hereby notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the aboveidentified application. One copy of each of the listed documents other than the listed U.S. Patents is submitted herewith. Copies of the listed U.S. Patents were provided in parent application listed above and do not need to be provided herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (whichever is earlier), and therefore applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language documents, applicants encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing each of these documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance (if not already included) found by the foreign office.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicants indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized

to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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